

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claim listing replaces all previous claim listings.

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for embedding an agreement between a device provider and a device user in a device, the method comprising:

storing the agreement as computer readable code in the device;

monitoring at least one performance parameter; and
determining if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the parameter.

Claim 2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising if the event occurred, indicating that the event occurred at the device.

Claim 3. (canceled)

Claim 4. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising enforcing the agreement at the device.

Claim 5. (original) The method of Claim 4, wherein enforcing the agreement includes disabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.

Claim 6. (original) The method of Claim 4, wherein

enforcing the agreement includes enabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.

Claim 7. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising representing the agreement as a Boolean expression of at least one condition, the condition based on the parameter.

Claim 8. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the event is a violation of the agreement.

Claim 9. (original) The method of Claim 8, further comprising indicating violation of the agreement on the device.

Claim 10. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising informing the device provider of the event occurrence.

Claim 11. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising restricting access to parameter data.

Claim 12. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving the parameter data by manual entry.

Claim 13. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising transmitting the parameter data to the device provider.

Claim 14. (original) A method for embedding an agreement between a software module provider and a software module user in a software module, the method comprising:

monitoring at least one performance parameter; and
determining if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the parameter.

Claim 15. (previously presented) A device having terms of usage set forth in an agreement between a device provider and a device user, the device comprising:

a representation of the agreement embedded in the device;
at least one input module configured to monitor at least one parameter;

a determining module configured to determine if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the monitored parameter; and

an alert module configured to indicate that the event occurred.

Claim 16. (original) The device of Claim 15, wherein the agreement is legally unenforceable.

Claim 17. (original) The device of Claim 15, wherein the determining module is configured to determine if the event is likely to occur in the near future, and the alert module is configured to indicate that the event is likely to occur in the near future.

Claim 18. (original) The device of Claim 15, further

comprising a data aggregation module configured to aggregate the data from the at least one parameter.

Claim 19. (original) The device of Claim 18, further comprising a communication module configured to transmit aggregated data from the at least one parameter the device provider.

Claim 20. (original) The device of Claim 15, further comprising a communication module configured to communicate that the event occurred to the device provider.

Claim 21. (previously presented) A computer program product embodied in computer memory comprising:

computer readable program codes coupled to the computer memory for embedding an agreement between a device provider and a device user in a device, the computer readable program codes configured to cause the program to:

monitor at least one performance parameter;
determine if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the parameter; and
if the event occurred, indicate that the event occurred at the device.

Claim 22. (original) The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to store the agreement in the device.

Claim 23. (original) The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to enforce the agreement at the device.

Claim 24. (original) The computer program product of Claim 23, wherein the program code configured to enforce the agreement includes program code configured to disable at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.

Claim 25. (original) The computer program product of Claim 23, wherein the program code configured to enforce the agreement includes program code configured to enable at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.

Claim 26. (original) The computer program product of Claim 21, wherein the event is a violation of the agreement.

Claim 27. (original) The computer program product of Claim 26, further comprising program code configured to indicate violation of the agreement on the device.

Claim 28. (original) The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to inform the device provider of the event occurrence.

Claim 29. (original) The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to restrict access to parameter data.

Claim 30. (original) The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to receive the parameter data by manual entry.

Claim 31. (original) The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to transmit the parameter data to the device provider.